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LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER SJSRY
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds allocated under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) remained unspent in various States including Kerala during the year 2008-09;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether SJSRY has since been revamped during the current financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to monitor the implementation of the scheme and to ensure full utilisation of the funds in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED T O I N REPLY T O L OK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.405 FOR 31-07-2009 REGARDING UTILIZATION OF FUNDS UNDER SJSRY.

(a)&(b): Central funds allocated under the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and released to various States/UTs in a particular financial year are required to be utilised within a period of one year from the end of that year. As Utilization Certificates for the Central funds released in 2008-09 will be due only in the next year, to what extent funds released during 2008-2009 remained unspent will be known only in 2010-2011. Central funds released under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) in 2008-2009, State-wise including the State of Kerala, are at Annexure.

(c)&(d): Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has been revamped and the revised guidelines of the scheme have come into operation from the current financial year. The revision of SJSRY Guidelines was based on the evaluation, assessment as well as feedback received from State Governments and other stakeholders. The objectives of the revised Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) are:

(i) Addressing urban poverty alleviation through gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor by encouraging them to set up self-employment ventures (individual or group), with support for their sustainability; or undertake wage employment;

(ii) Supporting skill development and training programmes to enable the urban poor have access to employment opportunities opened up by the market or undertake self-employment; and

(iii) Empowering the community to tackle the issues of urban poverty through suitable self- managed community structures like Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs), Neighbourhood Committees (NHC), Community Development Society (CDS), etc.

The revised SJSRY has following five major components:-

(i) Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) - Targeting individual urban poor for setting up of micro-enterprises.

(ii) Urban Women Self-help Programme (UWSP) - Targeting urban poor women self-help groups for setting up of group-enterprises and providing them assistance through a revolving fund for thrift & credit activities.

(iii) Skill Training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP) - Targeting urban poor for imparting quality training so as to enhance their employability for self-employment or better salaried employment.

(iv) Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP) - Assisting urban poor by utilising their labour for construction of socially and

economically useful public assets, in towns with population less than 5 lakhs.

(v) Urban Community Development Network (UCDN) - Assisting the urban poor in organising themselves in self- managed community structures so as to gain collective strength to address the issues of poverty facing them and participate in the effective implementation of urban poverty alleviation programmes.

(e): Under the Revised SJSRY Guidelines, coming into effect from this financial year, provision has been made for the constitution of monitoring committees at both Central and State levels. Quarterly and Monthly Reporting formats covering both financial and physical progress of the scheme have been circulated to States/UTs for effective monitoring of the Scheme. The Chief Ministers of States/Administrators of Union Territories have been recently addressed regarding undertaking various measures for the effective implementation of the newly revamped SJSRY scheme.